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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas  
Ellijay Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Ellijay telephone Company, Inc. ("Ellijay") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> Ellijay is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Georgia, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Ellijay proposes to install and/or upgrade broadband facilities to 3,704 unserved premises within the regulated service territory in Gilmer and Pickens Counties Georgia.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 50 Mbps downstream/5 Mbps upstream provided over the Fiber to the Home plant funded by this request.

Funding

Ellijay requests \$9.4M in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding.

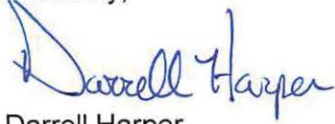
Ellijay expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within one year after construction starts.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Ellijay appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darrell Harper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "H".

Darrell Harper  
Vice President-Finance and Administration